

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information and title headings. Claims 1-4 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, and otherwise place the claims in more conventional U.S. format. New claims 5-7 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

For the record, Applicants would like to point out that the pending claims are based upon those appearing in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report. The specification of this national phase filing also comprises amended pages 1, 1a and 13 of the annex.


Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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